

## ARTICLE 4.

### POST-BACCALAUREATE SCHOLARSHIPS.

#### § 34-21-60. Established; number.

There shall be established for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1978, 15 scholarships for post-baccalaureate education of nurses. These scholarships shall be awarded to applicants from the state of Alabama at large. They shall be distributed, insofar as practicable, throughout the state. (Acts 1977, 1st Ex. Sess., No. 68, p. 1491, § 1.)

#### § 34-21-61. Qualifications of recipients; applications.

To be eligible to receive a scholarship provided by this article, a person must have been a resident of the state of Alabama for a period of at least one year immediately preceding the time of making application, must be a person of good character and shall have been accepted for matriculation in a graduate nursing program conducted by an accredited school of nursing, must hold a baccalaureate degree in nursing from an accredited nursing school and must agree to practice professional nursing in the state of Alabama for at least one year after completing the course in graduate study. These scholarships will be available to students seeking master's or doctorate degrees in nursing. Application for these scholarships shall be made to the Alabama board of nursing. (Acts 1977, 1st Ex. Sess., No. 68, p. 1491, § 2.)

#### § 34-21-62. Amount of scholarships; criteria for selection of recipients; renewal of scholarships; failure to complete course or service as a nurse.

Each scholarship provided for by this article shall be in the amount of \$3,800.00 per year, payable from funds appropriated to the Alabama board of nursing for this purpose. Contingent upon subsequent legislative funding of this program, a scholarship may either be renewed by the Alabama board of nursing for the same student or awarded to another applicant for the scholarship. Criteria for the selection of recipients and awarding of the scholarships shall be established by the Alabama board of nursing. These criteria shall be used as guides in the selection of the scholarship recipients from the various geographical areas of the state. In case a scholarship student fails to complete the course prescribed for a graduate degree in nursing, that student shall repay the amount of any scholarship funds received hereunder to the state treasury. In the event of the scholarship recipient's death, the obligation for funds disbursed and not repaid shall be canceled. In the event the scholarship recipient becomes mentally or physically impaired and is unable to complete a graduate course in nursing, or has received a graduate degree but is unable to complete one year of service as a nurse due to such disability, the obligation for funds disbursed and not repaid shall be canceled. (Acts 1977, 1st Ex. Sess., No. 68, p. 1491, § 3.)

#### § 34-21-63. Annual appropriation.

There is hereby appropriated each year, beginning with the fiscal year ending September

30, 1978, to the Alabama board of nursing, out of any funds in the state treasury to the credit of the Alabama special education trust fund, the sum of \$57,000.00, to be used solely for funding scholarships provided by this article. The appropriation provided in this section is in addition to any appropriations heretofore made, or to be made, to the Alabama board of nursing for each fiscal year. (Acts 1977, 1st Ex. Sess., No. 68, p. 1491, § 4.)